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To recognize National Police Week 2015 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy.

**Whereas,** there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Minneapolis Police Department; and

**Whereas,** nearly 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1791, almost 20,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

**Whereas,** the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

**Whereas,** 273 names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 117 officers killed in 2014 and 156 officers killed in previous years; and

**Whereas,** the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 13, 2015; and

Whereas, the service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association's Annual Candlelight Vigil, on the evening of May 15, 2015; and

Whereas, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 10-16; and

Whereas, May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis

That May 10-16, 2015, be recognized as National Police Week in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit in blue on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2015, in honor of National Police Week. The Minneapolis City Council publicly salutes the service of law enforcement officers in our community and in communities across the nation.

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